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State Department

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

You were so friendly to help me to come over to the United States this fall for a year under the Fulbright program. (I met you in 1949 with the Hambuechens in your home in Long Island and my wife met your wife in Tschierstegen in the home of her sister Barbara Kempner) As I came through Washington, I tried to see you in your office, but unfortunately you could not receive me. I got a grant from the John Hay Whitney Foundation, which allows me to travel all over the Country so that I can see as much as possible of the United States which will be able to see the United States as a Democracy which is my purpose to counteract many queer ideas the Europeans have about America. The first semester I was teaching at Tulane University in New Orleans and I was very glad to see something of the South, most Europeans have no possibility to study. But now for the second term I am finding it very necessary to stay at one of the old New England Universities and to see a lot of the Government and Congress in Washington and perhaps of the working, industrial and social conditions in the big cities. Considering these various purposes I came to the result that Princeton would be the best place, not so far from Washington and New York and Philadelphia and famous University of the New England World. I found no objections against this plan in a conversation with the secretary of the Whitney Foundation Mr. Samuel C. Park Jr. in New York, but my sponsor, Mrs. Lane from the Conference Board in Washington, which is the office of the State Department for the exchange program told me as I met her in the end of September in a hurry (she was going for some months to Europe) that this would not be possible. I could only get

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contact with John H. Hopkins and perhaps make an arrangement that I could stay some days in the week in Washington.

I write this letter to you because I could not find out what the situation is and if you could do something for clearing I should be very glad. I do not want to make any difficulty. But I am so convinced that I shall be able to do a good work for both countries, Germany and United States with my studies that I will object to other plans, which will not bring out my contact with the most important subjects of my studies. I must concentrate my studies in Washington and New England in the next four months. I shall have to be in the summer time in the East by causes of health. I want to go at least of my year to the East at least.

With my best regards

Sincerely yours

Frederick B. Gurnea

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